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within the flammability range of the lading in the vapor space of the tank.

(d) A bulk packaging may not be loaded with a hazardous material that:

(1) Is at a temperature outside of the packaging's design temperature range; or

(2) Except as otherwise provided in this subchapter, exceeds the maximum weight of lading marked on the specification plate.

[Amdt. 173–224, 55 FR 52612, Dec. 21, 1990, as amended at 56 FR 66266, Dec. 20, 1991; Amdt. 173–234, 58 FR 51532, Oct. 1, 1993; Amdt. 173–243, 60 FR 40038, Aug. 4, 1995; Amdt. 173–252, 61 FR 28676, June 5, 1996; Amdt. 173–255, 61 FR 50624, Sept. 26, 1996]

EFFECTIVE DATE NOTE: By Amdt. 173–255, 61 FR 50624, Sept. 26, 1996, in §173.24b, in the first sentence of paragraph (b), the wording ''stainless steel is steel'' was revised to read ''the reference stainless steel is stainless steel'', effective Jan. 1, 1997.

§173.25 Authorized packages and overpacks.

(a) Authorized packages containing hazardous materials may be offered for transportation in an overpack as defined in §171.8 of this subchapter, if all of the following conditions are met:

(1) The package meets the requirements of §§173.21 and 173.24 of this subchapter.

(2) The overpack is marked with the proper shipping name and identification number, and labeled as required by this subchapter for each hazardous material contained therein unless markings and labels representative of each hazardous material in the overpack are visible.

(3) Each package subject to the orientation marking requirements of §172.312 of this subchapter is packed in the overpack with its filling holes up and the overpack is marked with package orientation marking arrows on two opposite vertical sides of the overpack with the arrows pointing in the correct direction of orientation.

(4) The overpack is marked with a statement indicating that the inside (inner) packages comply with prescribed specifications when specification packagings are required, unless specification markings on the inside packages are visible.

(5) Packages containing Class 8 (corrosive) materials in Packing Group I or Division 5.1 (oxidizing) materials in Packing Group I may not be overpacked with any other materials.

(b) Shrink-wrapped or stretch-wrapped trays may be used as outer packagings for inner packagings prepared in accordance with the limited quantity provisions or consumer commodity provisions of this subchapter, provided that the complete package is capable of meeting performance standards at the Packing Group III performance level. Each package may not exceed 20 kg (44 lbs) gross weight.

(c) Hazardous materials which are required to be labeled POISON may be transported in the same motor vehicle with material that is marked or known to be foodstuffs, feed or any edible material intended for consumption by humans or animals provided the hazardous material is marked, labeled, and packaged in accordance with this subchapter, conforms to the requirements of paragraph (a) of this section and is overpacked as specified in §177.841(e) of this subchapter or in an overpack which is a UN 1A2, 1B2, or 1N2 drum tested and marked for a Packing Group II or higher performance level.

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§173.26 Quantity limitations.

When quantity limitations do not appear in the packaging requirements of this subchapter, the permitted gross weight or capacity authorized for a packaging is as shown in the packaging specification or standard in part 178 or 179, as applicable, of this subchapter.

[Amdt. 173–224, 55 FR 52612, Dec. 21, 1990]

§173.27 General requirements for transportation by aircraft.

(a) The requirements of this section are in addition to the requirements in §173.24 and apply to packages offered or intended for transportation aboard aircraft. Notwithstanding any Packing Group III performance level specified in Column 5 of the §172.101 Table, the required performance level for packages containing Class 4, 5, or 8 materials, when offered or intended for transportation aboard aircraft, is at

the Packing Group II performance level, unless otherwise excepted from performance requirements in subpart E of this part.

(b) Packages authorized on board aircraft. (1) When Column 9a of the § 172.101 Table indicates that a material is ''Forbidden'', that material may not be offered for transportation or transported aboard passenger-carrying aircraft.

(2) When Column 9b of the § 172.101 Table indicates that a material is ''Forbidden'', that material may not be offered for transportation or transported aboard aircraft.

(3) The maximum quantity of hazardous material in a package that may be offered for transportation or transported aboard a passenger-carrying aircraft or cargo aircraft may not exceed that quantity prescribed for the material in Column 9a or 9b, respectively, of the § 172.101 Table.

(4) A package containing a hazardous material which is authorized aboard cargo aircraft but not aboard passenger aircraft must be labeled with the CARGO AIRCRAFT ONLY label required by § 172.402(b) of this subchapter and may not be offered for transportation or transported aboard passenger-carrying aircraft.

(c) Pressure requirements. (1) Packagings must be designed and constructed to prevent leakage that may be caused by changes in altitude and temperature during transportation aboard aircraft.

(2) Packagings for which retention of liquid is a basic function must be capable of withstanding without leakage the greater of—

(i) An internal pressure which produces a gauge pressure of not less than 75 kPa (11 psi) for liquids in Packing Group III of Class 3 or Division 6.1. or 95 kPa (14 psi) for other liquids; or

(ii) A pressure related to the vapor pressure of the liquid to be conveyed, determined by one of the following:

(A) The total gauge pressure measured in the receptacle (i.e., the vapor pressure of the material and the partial pressure of air or other inert gases, less 100 kPa (15 psi)) at 55 °C (131 °F), multiplied by a safety factor of 1.5; determined on the basis of a filling temperature of 15 °C (59 °F) and a degree of filling such that the receptacle is not completely liquid full at a temperature of 55 °C (131 °F) or less;

(B) 1.75 times the vapor pressure at 50 °C (122 °F) less 100 kPa (15 psi); or

(C) 1.5 times the vapor pressure at 55 °C (131 °) less 100 kPa (15 psi).

(3) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (c)(2) of this section—

(i) Hazardous materials may be contained in an inner packaging which does not itself meet the pressure requirement provided that the inner packaging is packed within a supplementary packaging which does meet the pressure requirement and other applicable packaging requirements of this subchapter.

(ii) Packagings which are subject to the hydrostatic pressure test and marking requirements of §§ 178.605 and 178.503(a)(5), respectively, of this subchapter must have a marked test pressure of not less than 250 kPa (36 psi) for liquids in Packing Group I, 80 kPa (12 psi) for liquids in Packing Group III of Class 3 or Division 6.1, and 100 kPa (15 psi) for other liquids.

(d) Closures. Stoppers, corks or other such friction-type closures must be held securely, tightly and effectively in place by positive means. Each screw-type closure on any packaging must be secured to prevent closure from loosening due to vibration or substantial change in temperature.

(e) Absorbent materials. Except as otherwise provided in this subchapter, liquids in Packing Group I or II of Class 3, 4, 5, 6, or 8, when in glass or earthenware inner packagings, must be packaged using material capable of absorbing and not likely to react dangerously with the liquid. Absorbent material is not required if the inner packagings are so protected that breakage of them and leakage of their contents from the outer packaging is not likely to occur under normal conditions of transportation and is not required for packagings containing liquids in Packing Group II for transport aboard cargo aircraft only. Where absorbent material is required and an outer packaging is not liquid-tight, a means of containing the liquid in the event of leakage must be used in the form of a leakproof liner, plastic bag or

other equally efficient means of containment. Where absorbent material is required, the quantity and disposition of it in each outer packaging must be as follows:

(1) For packagings containing liquids in Packing Group I offered for transportation or transported aboard passenger-carrying aircraft, each packaging must contain sufficient absorbent material to absorb the contents of all inner packagings containing such liquids;

(2) For packagings containing liquids in Packing Group I offered for transportation or transported aboard cargo aircraft only and packagings containing liquids in Packing Group II offered for transportation or transported aboard passenger aircraft, each package must contain sufficient absorbent material to absorb the contents of any one of the inner packagings containing such liquids and, where they are of different sizes and quantities, sufficient absorbent material to absorb the contents of the inner packaging containing the greatest quantity of liquid.

(f) Combination packagings. Unless otherwise specified in this part, or in § 171.11 of this subchapter, when combination packagings are offered for transportation aboard aircraft, inner packagings must conform to the quantity limitations set forth in Table 1 of this paragraph for transport aboard passenger-carrying aircraft and Table 2 of this paragraph for transport aboard cargo aircraft only, as follows:

TABLE 1.—MAXIMUM NET CAPACITY OF INNER PACKAGING FOR TRANSPORTATION ON PASSENGER-CARRYING AIRCRAFT

Maximum net quantity per package from Column 9a of the § 172.101 Table	Maximum authorized net capacity *of each inner packaging*	
	Glass, earthenware or fiber inner packagings	Metal or plastic inner packagings
Liquids:		
Not greater than 0.5L	0.5L	0.5L.
Greater than 0.5L. not greater than lL	0.5L	lL.
Greater than 1L, not greater than 5L	1L	5L.
Greater than 5L, not greater than 60L	2.5L	10L.
Greater than 60L, not greater than 220L	5L	25L.
Greater than 220L	No limit	No limit.
Solids:		
Not greater than 5 kg	0.5 kg	1 kg.
Greater than 5 kg, not greater than 25 kg	1 kg	2.5 kg.
Greater than 25 kg, not greater than 200 kg	5 kg	10 kg.
Greater than 200 kg	No limit	No limit.

TABLE 2.—MAXIMUM NET CAPACITY OF INNER PACKAGING FOR TRANSPORTATION ON CARGO AIRCRAFT

Maximum net quantity per package from Column 9b of the § 172.101 Table	Maximum authorized net capacity *of each inner packaging*	
	Glass, earthenware or fiber inner packagings	Metal or plastic inner packagings
Liquids:		
Not greater than 2.5L	1L	1L.
Greater than 2.5L, not greater than 30L	2.5L	2.5L.
Greater than 30L, not greater than 60L	5L	10L.
Greater than 60L, not greater than 220L	5L	25L.
Greater than 220L	No limit	No limit.
Solids:		
Not greater than 15 kg	1 kg	2.5 kg.
Greater than 15 kg, not greater than 50 kg	2.5 kg	5 kg.
Greater than 50 kg, not greater than 200 kg	5 kg	10 kg.
Greater than 200 kg	No limit	No limit.

(g) Cylinders. For any cylinder containing hazardous materials and incorporating valves, sufficient protection must be provided to prevent operation of, and damage to, the valves during transportation, by one of the following methods:

(1) By equipping each cylinder with securely attached valve caps or protective headrings; or

(2) By boxing or crating the cylinder.

(h) Tank cars and cargo tanks. Any tank car or cargo tank containing a hazardous material may not be transported aboard aircraft.

[Amdt. 173–224, 55 FR 52612, Dec. 21, 1990, as amended at 56 FR 66266, Dec. 20, 1991; Amdt. 173–138, 59 FR 49133, Sept. 26, 1994]

§ 173.28 Reuse, reconditioning and remanufacture of packagings.

(a) *General.* Packagings and receptacles used more than once must be in such condition, including closure devices and cushioning materials, that they conform in all respects to the prescribed requirements of this subchapter. Before reuse, each packaging must be inspected and may not be reused unless free from incompatible residue, rupture, or other damage which reduces its structural integrity.

(b) *Reuse of non-bulk packaging.* A non-bulk packaging used more than once must conform to the following provisions and limitations:

(1) A non-bulk packaging which, upon inspection, shows evidence of a reduction in integrity may not be reused unless it is reconditioned in accordance with paragraph (c) of this section.

(2) Before reuse, packagings subject to the leakproofness test with air prescribed in §178.604 of this subchapter shall be—

(i) Retested without failure in accordance with §178.604 of this subchapter using an internal air pressure (gauge) of at least 48 kPa (7.0 psi) for Packing Group I and 20 kPa (3.0 psi) for Packing Group II and Packing Group III; and

(ii) Marked with the letter ''L'', with the name and address or symbol of the person conducting the test, and the last two digits of the year the test was conducted. Symbols, if used, must be registered with the Associate Administrator for Hazardous Materials Safety.

(3) Packagings made of paper, plastic film, or textile are not authorized for reuse;

(4) Metal and plastic drums and jerricans used as single packagings or the outer packagings of composite packagings are authorized for reuse only when they are marked in a permanent manner (e.g., embossed) in millimeters with the nominal (for metal packagings) or minimum (for plastic packagings) thickness of the packaging material, as required by §178.503(a)(9) of this subchapter, and—

(i) Except as provided in paragraph (b)(4)(ii) of this section, conform to the following minimum thickness criteria:

Maximum capacity not over	Minimum thickness of packaging material	
	Metal drum or jerrican	Plastic drum or jerrican
20 L	0.63 mm (0.025 inch)	1.1 mm (0.043 inch).
30 L	0.73 mm (0.029 inch)	1.1 mm (0.043 inch).
40 L	0.73 mm (0.029 inch)	1.8 mm (0.071 inch).
60 L	0.92 mm (0.036 inch)	1.8 mm (0.071 inch).
120 L	0.92 mm (0.036 inch)	2.2 mm (0.087 inch).
220 L	0.92 mm (0.036 inch)[1].	2.2 mm (0.087 inch).
450 L	1.77 mm (0.070 inch)	5.0 mm (0.197 inch).

[1] Metal drums or jerricans constructed with a minimum thickness of 0.82 mm body and 1.09 mm heads are authorized until December 31, 1996. After that date, metal drums or jerricans constructed with a minimum thickness of 0.82 mm body and 1.11 heads are authorized.

(ii) For stainless steel drums and jerricans, conform to a minimum wall thickness as determined by the following equivalence formula:

Formula for Metric Units

$$e_1 = \frac{21.4 \times e_0}{\sqrt[3]{Rm_1 \times A_1}}$$

Formula for U.S. Standard Units

$$e_1 = \frac{21.4 \times e_0}{\sqrt[3]{(Rm_1 \times A_1)/145}}$$

where:

e_1=required equivalent wall thickness of the metal to be used (in mm or, for U.S. Standard units, use inches).

e_0=required minimum wall thickness for the reference steel (in mm or, for U.S. Standard units, use inches).